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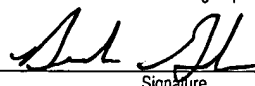
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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
For: STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS
By: Naoki SAWADA
Attorney Docket: 18733/00110

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS, by Naoki SAWADA, inventor.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (71 pages, including 16 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (27 sheets) (Figs. 1-27(2)); and
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages).

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
- (7) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (8) Copy of five (5) references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- (9) Submission of Certified Copies of Priority Documents (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-035938 (52 pages) and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-393910 (59 pages) ;
- (10) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to NSK LTD. and NSK STEERING SYSTEMS CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (11) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5), (6)-(8), (9), and (10) above.

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